

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, substance use disorders are a serious and treatable public health problem affecting millions of Americans of all ages, races, and ethnic backgrounds and having huge medical, societal, and economic costs; and

WHEREAS, stigma and discrimination can present obstacles to those with substance abuse disorders who need access to treatment facilities as well as those who wish to reestablish their place in the community; and

WHEREAS, educating our residents about the many ways substance use disorders affect children, families, and communities can help foster a better understanding of these disorders and the stigma associated with them; and

WHEREAS, with the theme, "Join the Voices for Recovery: Build a Stronger, Healthier Community," the 2006 observance of Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month calls attention to the positive impact of treatment and recovery on the residents of the Palmetto State.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim September 2006 as

ALCOHOL AND DRUG ADDICTION RECOVERY MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize the achievement of those who seek to overcome the stigma and secure the benefits of substance abuse treatment and recovery.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Sanford".

MARK SANFORD
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA